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TAGS: ENRG, PGOV, SENV, CA

SUBJECT: HOW U.S. SHOULD REACT TO WEST COAST OIL PORT
STATEMENT

REF: OTTAWA 0928

1. WE SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY OUR RESPONSE TO MARCHAND
STATEMENT (REFTEL). SUDDEN PUBLIC TILT ON AN ISSUE IN
WHICH THE U.S. HAS EXPRESSED MUCH INTEREST (MOST RECENTLY
AT THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL) SHOULD NOT GO WITHOUT SOME
REACTION, PARTICULARLY AFTER PIPE SIZE DECISION AND WITH
MARITIME AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS COMING UP. CANADIANS
SHOULD FEEL THAT THEY OWE US ONE.

2. AT THE SAME TIME WE DON'T WANT TO KILL WHATEVER (SLIM)
CHANCE REMAINS OF THE PROJECT FLYING BY GIVING PUBLIC
IMPRESSION THAT WE'VE ABANDONED IT.

3. THUS BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO STAY OUT OF PRINT
ON THIS ONE (PUBLIC STATEMENT OF DISAPPOINTMENT WOULD
SUGGEST THAT WE'VE GIVEN UP) BUT FIND SOME WAY TO EXPRESS
PRIVATELY OUR CONCERN (MAYBE IN A SCHLESINGER TO MACEACHEN
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COMMUNICATION, WHICH WE COULD REPLAY TO JAMIESON) RE MANNER
AND SUBSTANCE OF MARCHAND STATEMENT, NOTING IT MAKES IT
DIFFICULT FOR US TO AVOID NEGATIVE DECISIONS ON SUCH
ISSUES OF CANADIAN INTEREST AS TENNECO LNG AND MARITIME
REFINERIES. ENDERS

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